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Zakaria to Speak at “Best Ever” Foundation Lunch January 22

by Bill Holstein

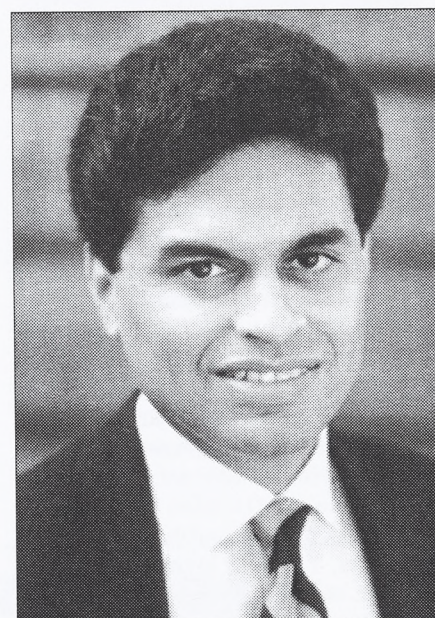
This year's annual OPC Foundation scholarship luncheon on Monday, January 22 shapes up to be the best ever, if we do say so ourselves. The number of applications from students aspiring to become correspondents is up and the number of scholarships being granted is growing. Very distinguished journalists also will be making appearances.

Speaking will be Fareed Zakaria, the new editor of *Newsweek International*. Zakaria had been managing editor of *Foreign Affairs*, the prestigious journal of international relations, and a columnist for *Newsweek*. But he will be assuming his duties at *Newsweek* in January. Haired by his colleagues as a brilliant young writer and editor, Zakaria will be speaking just days after the inauguration of President George W. Bush, making his remarks particularly timely. Originally from India, Zakaria has shared an OPC award with a *Newsweek* reporting team.

The Foundation will be unveiling

two new scholarships during the lunch. One is named for Emanuel Freedman, a long-time foreign editor of *The New York Times* who directed the paper's coverage of many major events during the 1950s and 60s. He eventually became an assistant managing editor, and guided the careers of an entire generation of correspondents for the *Times*. Executive Editor Joe Lelyveld, one of those correspondents, will take the podium to help launch the scholarship in Freedman's name.

The Foundation will also commence a scholarship in the name of Roy Rowan, a correspondent, writer, and author for more than 50 years and the immediate past president of the OPC. Since it's the first time the Foundation



Fareed Zakaria

has launched a scholarship in the name of someone still very much alive and kicking, Roy will be able to present the first Rowan scholarship check himself.

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Roger Cohen on Germany

By Sonya K. Fry

Roger Cohen, *The New York Times* Berlin Bureau Chief and OPC Board member, will address the Club on Wednesday, January 31. Roger has been covering Germany, Austria and Eastern Europe since 1998. He should have some interesting insights on Europe's new look at immigration, the rise of nationalism in the shadow of the European Union or perhaps because of it, the move of the German capital from Bonn to Berlin, the changing political landscape from a post-war mentality to a modern unified Germany. Roger has his finger on the pulse of the new Germany and how the



Roger Cohen

US-German relationship is affected.

Before serving in Berlin, Cohen was a correspondent in the *Times* Paris bureau, but it is perhaps his stint as Zagreb bureau chief that has defined his writing. He wrote extensively and eloquently on the Bosnian war for which he won the 1995 OPC Eric and Amy Burger Award on human rights for his investigation of torture and murder at a Serb-run Bosnian camp. In addition, he wrote a book "Hearts Grown Brutal: Sagas of Sarajevo" (Random House, 1998) which is a testament to the loss of a multi-ethnic European state and the

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"Big Brother" and the Internet: Primitivism in a Digital Age

by Kevin McDermott and
Norman A. Schorr

Freedom of the Press Committee

A new internal forecast by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency predicts that among the significant changes the world will see in the next 15 years will be new technologies rendering governments almost powerless to control the flow of information. That would seem to bode well for press freedom, but several recent stories suggest that even in the digital age journalists will never be entirely free from the retribution of displeased authority.

For example, in Yugoslavia Radio B92 countered the government's seizure of its broadcast facilities by digitizing its programming and delivering it around the globe via the Internet. That didn't prevent the confiscation of its music library, documents and bank accounts. Soon after, Yugoslav journalist Miroslav Flipovic was imprisoned for reporting atrocities committed by Serbian soldiers in Kosovo. Drawing upon what he maintained were public documents, Flipovic's reporting was carried to the world on the website of the Institute for War & Peace Reporting in London. Last summer his work earned him a seven-year prison sentence. Calls for his release by organizations including the

Overseas Press Club of America went unheard until the ouster of Slobodan Milosovic in the elections of last October.

The OPC has been similarly vocal on behalf of Duran Angiki, a prominent journalist in the Solomon Islands working for the online news service Pasifik Nius. His stories on ethnic conflict in the Solomons and the role played by armed opposition groups have angered the Malaita Eagle Force (MEF), the paramilitary organization that led a coup d'etat in June. Angiki and his family have received threats from the MEF and are now in hiding.

The grimmest case is that of Georgiy Gongadze, a correspondent for *www.pravda.com.ua*. Gongadze made his reputation with strongly critical reporting on prominent Ukrainian business leaders and senior government ministers—including President Leonid Kuchma. In mid-September Gongadze disappeared. Shortly afterward a decapitated body believed to be his was discovered outside of Kiev. Kuchma's government strongly denies involvement in Gongadze's disappearance, but in November a secretly recorded cassette was made public implicating government ministers in a plot to assassinate the reporter.

The genie is out of the bottle with

International Awards Deadline

The deadline for the 2000 SAIS-Novartis Awards Competition for excellence in International Journalism has been set for January 31, 2001. The competition is open "to journalists who work professionally in print, broadcast, or online media." The top 10 finalists will receive awards "for work that has brought a topic of international importance to public attention during the calendar year." The top prize winner receives \$15,000.

The prize is sponsored jointly by the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University and Novartis, a Swiss-based corporation that is a leader in health care products and pharmaceuticals.

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respect to information technologies, but in many countries our colleagues still work under the eyes of governments determined to retain the power of primitive despots.

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Vietnam Reporter's Notebook: With President Clinton in Saigon

by Jim Laurie

(OPC board member Jim Laurie was a reporter in Vietnam from 1970 to 1973 and again in 1975. He has visited the country frequently since then and was there for President Clinton's recent visit.)

Saigon. November 20, 2000. Ah, the passage of time. The memories rekindled. The ironies of this visit.

"Welcome U.S. President William Jefferson Clinton and Spouse" proclaimed the banners on selected motorcade routes in Hanoi.

There was the American President, who like so many of his generation opposed the war and avoided the draft, reviewing North Vietnamese troops; "enemy" troops in Hanoi.

There was the President gazing out from the rooftop bar at Saigon's Caravelle

Hotel. As he looked out, he stared at the spires of the Saigon Cathedral, gazed to his right to the site of the old U.S. Embassy, now torn down, and just in between, he could see the tiny rooftop immortalized in Hugh Van Es' photo of Vietnamese scrambling up a ladder to the safety of a U.S. helicopter.

As I rode the press bus with the gaggle of reporters behind the Presidential motorcade, memories of other buses 25 years ago flooded back.

Now smiling, waving children lined Saigon streets. Then, on April 29, 1975, panicked faces raced along as a caravan of evacuation buses driven by U.S. marines shuttled people to Ton Son Nhut before North Vietnamese rockets and mortars shut down the airfield.

That was just the beginning of a

chaotic evacuation of Americans and Vietnamese which ended in humiliating fashion America's 15-year-long wartime involvement with Vietnam.

The unplanned airlift left tens of thousands of Vietnamese allies behind, many of whom ended up rotting in communist re-education camps or risking escape by flimsy boats into the South China Sea.

I was one of about a dozen reporters and photographers who had worked and lived in Vietnam before 1975 who were back once again with President Clinton.

Most of the 200 or so journalists assigned to the White House, like most Vietnamese today, have little or no memory of the war.

But the memories of some old timers are truly amazing.

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OPC HOLIDAY PARTY SCRAPBOOK



HOLIDAY REVELERS (left to right): OPC mascot in a holiday mood; new members in 2000 (with flowers in lapels) enjoy the holiday party; Herb Lash (Reuters) and Peter Lloyd (Public Affairs, Canadian Consulate); Al Kaff, Brooke Janis and Lee Townsend, *OPC Bulletin*; David Alpern (*Newsweek*), Pete Engardio (*Business Week*) and Roberto Soto (Associated Press TV).

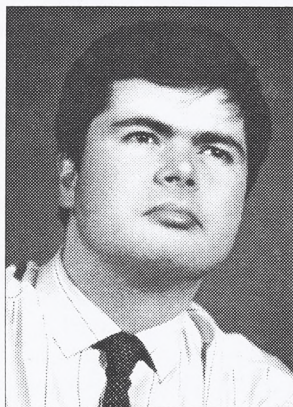
New OPC Award to Honor Brave Russian Journalists

by Sonya K. Fry

The OPC in cooperation with CBS News and *US News and World Report* is organizing a new award in honor of Artyom Borovik, a Russian journalist, who won an OPC Edward R. Murrow Award in 1991 for his Russian reports for 60 Minutes. Mr. Borovik died in a helicopter crash in March of 1999 at the age of 39.

The Artyom Borovik Award will be for outstanding reportage by a Russian journalist who displays courage, insight, balanced yet aggressive reporting and independence of thought in print or in the broadcast media.

OPC member David Hoffman, out-



Artyom Borovik

going Moscow Bureau Chief for *The Washington Post*, has been instrumental in handling the details on the ground in Russia and Beth Knobel of CBS News in Moscow will take in the entries for judging. The Judging Committee will be two-pronged, one in Moscow and the other here in New York. They will con-

sist of American journalists who speak Russian and have spent considerable time in Russia.

The award will be presented for the first time at the annual OPC Awards Dinner on April 26th at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

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"Jim, haven't seen you since Pleiku 1971!" shouted Pham Boi Hoan. Hoan, or "PB" as he was known, is one of the true Vietnam vets. Having completed his army service where he was trained as a combat photographer, "PB" joined CBS News as a cameraman in Saigon in April 1965. After his evacuation to the United States, he became a CBS White House cameraman.

"Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush. I covered them all," said. PB. "I wanted one, any one of them, to visit Vietnam. Now I'm finally going back with an American President."

His colleague and friend, CBS wartime cameraman Pham Gia Cuong, also joined the White House party. They seemed more proud and happy about this event than anyone else I met. I thank Derek Williams, Bill Plante and Bruce Dunning for making sure I saw them again.

Other colleagues had different takes on the war.

David Hume Kennerly, UPI in the early '70s when I knew him, and later President Ford's White House official photographer, was back again for *Newsweek*.

"Bet you've seen a lot of changes here," shouted Clinton at one photo opportunity. Kennerly was in the "tight pool" with the President. "I always enjoyed getting 'tight' in Vietnam," Kennerly allowed.

Seth Mydans of *The New York Times* had "served" in Vietnam with "RMK-BRJ", a giant American construction company conglomerate. "It was a way of avoiding the draft," said Mydans.

"Well the Americans in Vietnam did contribute something besides misery, death and destruction," one Vietnamese friend told me. "Our roads and airstrips would be a lot worse than they are if 'RMK-BRJ' hadn't been here."

President Clinton, of course, did not dwell on American "contributions" to Vietnam's past. He was focused on the future: building psychological bridges not military airstrips.

"Chúc các bạn hạnh phúc và thanh cong," said the American President. "I wish you all happiness and success."

"Remarkable," noted one old reporter. "I don't recall that either Johnson or Nixon (the last U.S. Presidents to visit Vietnam) even tried to speak Vietnamese when they came here."

Zakaria to Speak January 22 at Foundation Lunch

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Altogether, the Foundation will grant 11 scholarships of \$2,000 each.

A record 154 students from around the country applied for the scholarships, up from about 100 in past years. Columbia dominated the competition, winning six out of 11, but other winners come from Baruch, Yale, New York University, Berkeley and the University

of Washington. The geographic range of entries (from all over the country as well as some from abroad) suggests that the nearly decade-old scholarship program is winning wide recognition.

The judges who selected the 11 winners have many decades of journalistic experience under their belts. The judging was chaired by Bernard Gavzer, a longtime writer for *Parade* magazine. Other judges were Catherine Hemlepp, Fran Carpentier, Robert Solby, Felice Levin, Jeremy Main, David Schlesinger, John Corporon, Josephine Lyons, and Ed Jackson. Because of the number of entries, the judges had to spend an entire day sequestered in the conference room at Club Quarters.

The January 22 luncheon starts at noon at the Yale Club on Vanderbilt near Grand Central Station and will conclude by 2 p.m. The price of the luncheon for OPC members is \$45. Table prices will also be available. Reservations are essential. Call the club at 212-626-9220.

ROGER COHEN

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resultant violence.

Cohen has also been a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* opening bureaus in Rio de Janeiro and Rome and for Reuters reporting from London, Brussels and Rome.

A reception preceding the talk will begin at 6:00pm with the subsequent lecture beginning at 6:45pm, followed by a question and answer period. Please make a reservation by calling the OPC at (212) 626-9220.



PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

ATCHISON, Kansas: OPC founding member

Fay Gillis Wells, 92 ("but call me 26"), spends almost as much time on the road as she does in her Alexandria, Virginia, home. In December, Wells traveled to Atchison and told sixth grade students about her own life as a pilot, war correspondent and White House reporter. She described things strange to today's youngsters: propeller planes, Model T Fords, nickelodeons, cross-country train rides, dancing the Charleston in college, reporting from the Italian-Ethiopian War in the 1930s and the idiosyncrasies of former presidents she covered in the White House. Sixth grader Josh Zufelt enjoyed Wells' report on how she parachuted from an experimental Curtiss Fledgling plane in 1929 when the craft started to breakup and she was thrown out, parachuting to safety. "When she fell out of that disintegrating plane, it taught me that women can do anything," Zufelt told *Atchison Globe* reporter **Trent Nelson**. Wells came to this Missouri River town, birthplace of her friend Amelia Earhart, to help plan this summer's tribute to aviation and aerospace pioneers at the International Forest of Friendship.

BEIJING: A Chinese court in December sentenced **Teng Chunyan**, 37, a member of the Falun Gong spiritual movement who has permanent residency in the United States, to three years in jail on charges she gave sensitive information to foreign correspondents. From Beijing, **Elisabeth Rosenthal** of *The New York Times* reported: "Her indictment accused her of providing foreign journalists with photographs of Falun Gong practitioners detained in a psychiatric hospital, according to the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy. She also gave foreign reporters advance notice of demonstrations by the group." Teng, a Chinese citizen who immigrated to the United States about eight years ago, was a resident of New York City. She taught acupuncture at the New York College and Holistic Health Center on Long Island and had a private practice. Married to a U.S. citizen, she returned to China early last year, was arrested in

May and tried Nov. 23 in a closed court hearing.

William Powell is the new Asia editor for *Fortune*, based in the magazine's newly-established Beijing bureau. Before joining *Fortune* last July (November 2000 *Bulletin*), Powell was *Newsweek's* bureau chief in Tokyo, 1989-1994; Berlin, 1994-1995; and Moscow, 1996-2000. He won the OPC award for best economic reporting from abroad in 1990 and 1995.

BERLIN: **Julius Viel**, 82, a retired German journalist, was being tried in December on charges of gunning down seven Jewish concentration camp inmates during World War II when he was an officer in a Nazi *Schutzstaffel* (SS) military unit.

GULF BREEZE, Florida: **Fred Waters** a longtime AP photographer who covered the Korean War, now is retired in Florida and "doing nothing." Popular with his press colleagues and competitors, they called him **Mizu**, Japanese word for water. The *Bulletin* asked Mizu if he is related to **Craig Waters**, spokesman for the Florida Supreme Court who became a national TV figure during the Presidential vote recount. "We're from the same part of the country, and there may be a distant relationship, but none that I know of," Mizu said.

HANOVER, New Hampshire: **Stuart Griffin**, 83, once a widely published freelancer in Japan, continues to operate a news service that goes to 17 British trade papers. The *Bulletin's* "People" columnist had not heard from Griffin since 1970 until he wrote in November: "A wind, a welcome one I trust, from the scented, golden memories Japanese past, when we were young." A World War II correspondent in the Pacific for the American Red Cross, Griffin arrived in Japan with the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division a few days after Japan's 1945 surrender. During 25 years in Tokyo, he worked for NBC News, started his news service and freelanced to newspapers in England, Canada, South Africa, Hong Kong, Manila and

elsewhere. In 1970, he moved to England, where he lived for 12 years. After moving to Hanover with his wife, **Mieko**, Griffin became a director of the Dartmouth College Film Society, and he reviews movies in addition to running his news service.

HONG KONG: In a Dec. 27 letter faxed to the OPC, **Robert Keatley**, editor of the *South China Morning Post*, said he tried but failed to persuade **Willy Wo-lap Lam**, the paper's chief China watcher, to remain on the daily's staff. Lam's resignation led to speculation that pro-Beijing groups objected to his coverage of China (December *Bulletin*). In his fax to **John Langone** and **Norman Schorr** of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, Keatley, a longtime *Wall Street Journal* reporter and editor, wrote: "I understand your concerns about Willy Wo-lap Lam. But with so many adverse comments about the matter, they are based on some misunderstandings....We decided to expand our coverage of China and the size of our China reporting team, and to give direction of that team to someone else. Willy Lam has exercised those duties only partially and somewhat nominally, and we felt his special talents did not fit the needs of this expanded assignment. However, I spent considerable time and effort trying to persuade Willy to remain an associate editor, a weekly columnist and a contributor to the *SCMP*, but he declined. In fact, he told me he had decided to leave the paper in the near future in any case, and had been negotiating with other potential employers for some time. If you have been following our coverage of China in recent weeks, I do not believe you will find anything to indicate that so-called 'pro-Beijing groups and mainland China authorities,' to use your phrase, are influencing this newspaper. Nor will you."

Chris Yeung, associate and political editor of the daily *South China Morning Post*, writes: "Did the *Apple Daily*, one of market tabloid leaders, step over the line when it paid a labourer to pose in bed with a prostitute, thus illustrating the infidelity which drove his wife to push her two sons

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Chris Yeung

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out of their high-rise apartment window and to jump herself?" Yeung was commenting on the Hong Kong press in the chapter he wrote for the book "Losing Control: Freedom of the Press in Asia" [Australia National University Asia-Pacific Press] (October 2000 *Bulletin*).

Yeung continues: "It seems ironic that two years after the Handover [of Hong Kong from Britain to China], which came with all the fears of Communist-style controls, the biggest concern for press freedom in Hong Kong is the media's own irresponsibility....As in other countries of the region where the fear of censorship has been an issue, crime, sex and violence have provided the juicy, non-political fare to push up circulation figures, but to avoid political controversy. There is little concrete evidence that Beijing has applied overt pressure to the Hong Kong media since the Handover. However, media analysts contend there is a pervasive feeling of self-censorship within an industry which was, for so long, a bastion of western liberal press values in a capitalist Chinese enclave."



Mike and Connie Winslow

Mike Winslow, manager of the Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC) in Hong Kong, 1977-1980, and his wife, **Connie Winslow**, now are managers aboard Star Cruises ships. Last year, they were sailing on *Virgo* out of Singapore. This year they will be in Germany for outfitting of Star Cruises newest liner, *Libra*. Mike started his kitchen career in 1966 during the Vietnam War with the U.S. Navy in Danang. He then worked for hotels in the United States, Hong Kong and China. What's the difference between working in a press club and aboard a cruise ship? "At the FCC I didn't have to wear this," he said, pointing to his dress white ship's uniform.

Phil Revzin, a Dow Jones vice president, becomes publisher of *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in January while con-



Phil Revzin

tinuing to oversee the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, a weekly news magazine owned by Dow Jones. **Urban Lehner**, former publisher and executive editor of the daily *Asian Wall Street Journal*, returns to New York as the U.S. *Journal's* vice president for business development. He replaces **Bill Casey**, who becomes a Dow Jones international vice president with responsibility for *The Wall Street Journal Americas*, *America Economia* and Dow Jones Latin American business magazines. Casey also will sit on the board of *Vedomosti*, a Russian newspaper of which Dow Jones owns one-third.

Scott Goodfellow is the new chief executive officer of CNBC Asia. Since last July, he had been acting president of the TV news network owned by NBC and Dow Jones. Earlier, Goodfellow was director of television for Dow Jones.

JERUSALEM: The Israeli Army apologized in December to American freelance photographer **Yolanda Monakhov**, who was shot near Bethlehem in November, and said the soldier involved and the officer who gave the order will be punished. While she was on assignment for AP photographing a clash between Israelis and Palestinians, an Israeli soldier shot and wounded her (December *Bulletin*). She had taken cover in a doorway, and a soldier mistook her for a Palestinian rioter, the army said. "The shooting was wrong and contrary to standing orders," the army wrote in a statement given to Monakhov and AP.



Urban Lehner



Bill Casey



Scott Goodfellow

Monakhov, 26, was hospitalized in Jerusalem with injuries to her bladder, colon and bowel plus a fractured pelvis and a severed leg nerve.

LAS VEGAS: In December, **Al Kaff**, the *Bulletin's* "People" columnist, spent four days in Las Vegas, never stopping at a gaming table nor dropping even 25 cents into a slot machine. He was working for PR executive **Bob Miko**, a former Tokyo freelancer, in the press room at Communications Solutions, an Internet trade show in the Venetian Hotel.

LONDON: **Richard Cotton**, executive vice president and general counsel for NBC, has been named chief executive of CNBC Europe. Cotton succeeds **Mark Hoffman**, who held the post on an interim basis.

LONGMONT, Colorado: For a planned book, **Don Davis** wants to hear from correspondents, pilots, ground crews and anyone else who recalls or participated in the Christmas 1972 bombing of North Vietnam by U.S. B-52s. Davis, who covered the Vietnam War for UPI, told the *Bulletin*: "The event rocked the world during its execution, but quickly fell from front pages with the signing of the peace agreements and the return of POWs. I want to tell the story of those dangerous days from a multitude of perspectives, including what happened in Hanoi, at Anderson Air Force Base, in Washington and at the bases in Thailand." Contact Davis at 6350 Modena Lane, Longmont, Colorado, 80503; telephone (303) 581-0813; E-mail tedsalad@msn.com. You might wind up in his book.

LOS ANGELES: OPC member **John Burman** has been promoted to international editor at *The Hollywood Reporter* and executive director of the entertainment trade paper's annual Star Power and Director Power surveys. Previously he was international news editor for the paper, which he joined as an intern in 1989 while at the University of Southern California. Burman is the son of the late **Barry Burman**, a CBS News director in the 1960s, and **Margery Burman**, secretary during the same period for the late CBS News correspondent **Charles Collingwood**.

LUSAKA, Zambia: **Fred M'Membe**, editor of *The Post*, Zambia's only

independent daily, was cleared of espionage charges in December. Charges were filed in March 1999 two weeks after his newspaper published an article claiming that this south central African nation's military was ill-equipped to defend itself against neighboring Angola (May 1999 *Bulletin*).

MAPUTO, Mozambique: Carlos Cardoso, 49, founder, owner and editor of the daily *Metical* in this southeast African republic, was shot and killed in his car in November by an assailant who escaped. Cardoso was a sharp critic of the government, AP reported.



Doris Macauley, right and her sister, Betty

MARGATE, Florida: OPC member Doris Macauley reported in November that "movie producer Martin Grobisen called me from Toronto to tell me they are now going full time on the movie" based on her book "What Time Is It in China?" A few weeks earlier she talked about that book and her other book, "Bread and Rice" at a Broward Community College library program in Coconut Creek, Florida. In the late 1930s, Macauley covered the Sino-Japanese War for the *New York Post*. After returning to the United States, she and her husband were sailing back to China in 1941. Their ship reached the Philippines three hours before Japanese warplanes bombed Manila. During Japan's occupation of the Philippines, she hid out in the mountains with Filipino guerrillas, living on bread and rice.

MOSCOW: Russia's high court in November ordered a military tribunal to reopen the case against Grigory Pasako, 38, a former Russian naval journalist charged with treason after he reported to Japan's



Grigory Pasako

NHK TV network that the Russian navy dumped nuclear wastes at sea. In July 1999, a military court in Vladivostok dropped treason charges but convicted him of abuse of office (August 1999 *Bulletin*). He appealed, but judges ruled the treason charges had not been examined thoroughly, Michael Wines of *The New York Times* reported.

NEW YORK: In December, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission approved the \$112 billion merger of America Online and Time Warner, a major step in creating the world's biggest media and entertainment business with properties that include magazines, movies, Internet services, TV cable channels and music studios.

In January, OPC member Norman Pearlstine started a new three-year contract as editor-in-chief of Time Inc., overseeing the editorial content of the merged company's magazines. Pearlstine also is president of a foundation named for author and journalist Atsuko Chiba, who was one of Pearlstine's reporters when he was the first managing editor of *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in Hong Kong, 1976-1980. Chiba died of breast cancer in 1986 at age 46. The Chiba foundation was established to carry out her request that proceeds of her estate be used to support Asian journalists who study in the United States.

Chiba wrote a book in Japanese about her breast cancer. At that time, Mike Sharp, now *U.S. News & World Report's* Los Angeles correspondent, was based in Tokyo, and he interviewed Chiba for the April 1981 issue of *No. 1 Shimbun*, journal of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. He wrote that three chapters of Chiba's book dealt "with often intimate details of her personal life...autobiographical details that many readers here might find sensational." Sharp quoted Chiba: "I blame all my boyfriends for not finding the lump in my breast much sooner."

The Online News Association and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism presented their first Online Journalism Awards in December to 12 online news organizations. The Asso-

ciated Press was the only winner in international reporting, receiving an award for its 1999 coverage of U.S. military involvement in the slaying of civilians at No Gun Ri village during the first months of the Korean War. The AP report also won an OPC Award and a Pulitzer Prize. Sreenath Sreenivasan, a Columbia journalism professor, commented: "The awards are just another indicator that a lot of people are going online for their news."

After a year-long investigation by the U.S. and South Korean governments, the Pentagon in December confirmed the AP report. A U.S. defense official, who
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asked not to be identified, said, "We're pretty sure American soldiers were instrumental in killing Korean civilians at No Gun Ri. What is less clear is the number who died and whether there were any orders issued to the soldiers." Reporting the Pentagon statement, **Christopher Marquis** and **Steven Lee Myers** of *The New York Times* wrote that "scores and possibly hundreds of unarmed Korean civilians...were reportedly machine-gunned by American soldiers at a railroad bridge near No Gun Ri." South Korea said 248 civilians were killed, wounded or missing in the No Gun Ri incident, but U.S. investigators insisted the number of casualties was lower but could not be determined exactly.

Isabelle Reckeweg Clary is back in New York City after a year on the Reuters financial desk in Paris and in December was working for globalnet financial.com. She started with Reuters in New York, covering the Federal Reserve and bond markets, and was transferred to her native France in September 1999. Before joining Reuters, Isabelle was a UPI correspondent in Jakarta, Boston, Washington and on the New York financial desk.

SAN FRANCISCO: OPC member **Kerry Dolan** moved in November with her husband to San Francisco from New York after *Forbes* magazine promoted her from associate to senior editor. "I'm writing internationally-focused stories out of *Forbes*' Silicon Valley bureau and expect to be traveling as needed," she told the *Bulletin*. "I'll also continue to oversee *Forbes*' list of the world's billionaires in 2001." Kerry joined *Forbes* in 1994 after working for Market News Service, a New York-based financial newswire, and in Tokyo for English-language publications of *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, Japan's leading business and financial daily. She was co-editor of the *OPC Bulletin* 1997-1998 and a board member 1998-2000.

SINGAPORE: In December, OPC member **Justin Doebele**, *Forbes* senior editor-Asia, sent the *Bulletin* a report that with circulation gains *Forbes Global* now is being printed in Singapore for readers in Asia, two years ahead of plan. Previously, all copies of the magazine's international edition were printed in

France. Launched nearly three years ago with a circulation of 50,000, *Forbes Global* said its circulation reached 110,000 in January.

TAIPEI: The Taiwan government in November announced relaxed rules under which correspondents from Communist China can visit the island. A spokesman for anti-Communist Taiwan said the new rules were designed to attract more journalists from China. "We hope mainland reporters can have more contact with and a deeper understanding of the current situation in Taiwan," **Lee Cher-jean**, deputy director of the Government Information Office, said. "We want them to offer people on the mainland more in-depth stories about the island." The new rules allow each mainland Chinese media organization to post two reporters in Taipei for up to one month. An editor and reporter from Xinhua, China's official news agency, were expected to be the first to come to Taiwan under the new policy. Since 1989, when the two opposing governments first permitted journalist exchanges, 300 mainland reporters have visited Taiwan for short periods, while more than 3,000 Taiwan journalists have reported from China.



Lee Cher-jean

TOKYO: Canadian journalist **John Bosnitch** is the new editor of *No. 1 Shimbun*, monthly newspaper of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, press run about 2,000. Bosnitch works for IMCnews.com, an Internet news agency, and Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK). Freelancer and OPC member **Pat Killen** was *Shimbun* editor for eight years until 1999. **Khalid Azari**, a Syrian correspondent in the Middle East and Asia for 25 years, served as editor 1999-2000, and Killen then returned as acting editor until Bosnitch's appointment.

After John Lindsay, 79, New York City's mayor, 1966-1973, died Dec. 19, **Robert W. Laird**, his former deputy press secretary, recalled in New York's *Daily News*: "The image of Lindsay walking the streets, in good times and bad, is a valid one because it was his trademark." During a visit to Tokyo, Lindsay spoke at a professional lunch in

the Foreign Correspondents' Club on Dec. 3, 1971. As was their custom, board members waited at the curb outside the Club to greet Lindsay. Guests of honor always arrived by chauffeured car. While waiting for the mayor, a board member glanced to his right, saw a hatless man walking towards the club, towering over Japanese pedestrians, and exclaimed: "There he is!" Lindsay had walked about a mile from Tokyo Governor Ryokichi Minobe's office "to get to know the city."

New faces in the Correspondents' Club: **Stephen Lunn**, *The Australian*, who up to 10 years ago worked in Tokyo as a lawyer in a Japanese law firm; **Peter Lyon**, *Motor Magazine* of Australia; **Mitsuaki Iwase** of the Japanese news agency Jiji Press, who was based in New York 1976-1978 and appointed London bureau chief in 1997; **Masao Ninagawa**, former correspondent in India for Japan's daily *Asahi Shimbun*; **Gert Anhalt**, ZDF of Germany, formerly its Beijing bureau chief; **Koji Kawamura**, Japan's TV Asahi, who earlier covered the Middle East, Southeast Asia, United Nations and Latin America; **Masanori Kikuta**, Japan's Kyodo News, who reported from Malaysia and the Persian Gulf War; **Ilene R. Prusher**, *The Christian Science Monitor*, formerly based in Jerusalem; **Yuzo Yamaguchi**, *Automotive News*, who started in journalism in 1988 with *Economic World*, a monthly magazine; and **Todd John Zaun**, *The Wall Street Journal*, a former reporter in Tokyo for Bloomberg Business News and AP.

WASHINGTON: Terry Anderson, his wife **Madeleine Bassil** and their daughter **Sulome** are scheduled to receive \$41.2 million from the U.S. government in compensatory damages for the 2,454 days he was held captive in Lebanon after being kidnapped in 1985 by Iranian-backed terrorists. In December, Anderson told the *Bulletin* the U.S. Congress and the Clinton administration have approved payment to his family from the U.S. Treasury. "The check is in the mail," he said. In addition to the Andersons, seven other families who were victims of Iranian terrorism are receiving payments, *USA Today* reported. Payouts authorized



Terry Anderson

for the eight families total more than \$213 million. Anderson filed a lawsuit against Iran in a U.S. federal court, and last March the judge ordered Iran to pay \$341 million to the Anderson family (May 2000 *Bulletin*). But the U.S. government authorized a lower payment from U.S. funds. Washington will attempt to collect the money from Iran or from frozen Iranian assets. Anderson, who was kidnapped when he was an AP correspondent, now teaches journalism at Ohio University.

Two one-act plays by OPC member **Rachael Bail** were performed at the National Press Club last year. One play, "Return to Vietnam," tells the story of an American pilot's nostalgic journey to sites of the war, and the surprises he gets. The other, "Thousands of Years—Rome," follows a young couple through many centuries and vicissitudes to the present day. Bail has formed The McLean Drama Company, which will present readings and productions of new plays by area playwrights. The group also plans to conduct a 10-minute play contest.

In a once classified message, the CIA said it was reluctant to take action against **Elias P. Demetracopoulos** as requested by the U.S. State Department, because Demetracopoulos was joining the OPC at that time. Dated Nov. 13, 1963, the CIA message read: "STATE PRESSING FOR ANY SUBSTANTIVE DEROG[atory] DATA WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED TO DENY SUBJ[ect—Demetracopoulos] ANY SUBSEQUENT ENTRY TO U.S. SINCE SUBJ ALREADY BEING SPONSORED FOR NEW YORK OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB SUCH STATE ACTION MIGHT BALLOON INTO CAUSE CELEBRE BUT HAVE PROMISED STATE WE DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO UNEARTH FACTUAL DEROG INFO. PLS CABLE ANY INFO [words deleted] WHICH COULD BE PASSED TO STATE."

Demetracopoulos, 72, sent the *Bulletin* a copy of the CIA message that he obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, "which takes a lot of money to pay the high-priced lawyers," he said. The copy does not disclose to whom the message was sent. Demetracopoulos, a Greek journalist, got in trouble with the White House and the State Department because of an interview

he conducted in 1961 with Admiral Arleigh Burke, then chief of U. S. Naval Operations (March 2000 *Bulletin*). At a time when President Kennedy's administration was hoping to improve relations with Moscow, Burke criticized the Soviet Union in the Demetracopoulos interview. But the attempt "TO DENY SUBJ ANY SUBSEQUENT ENTRY TO U.S." failed.

OPC member **Wes Pedersen** has received the "Best of the Century" communications award from *Associated Trends*, journal of the U.S. Association Community. A former columnist, Pedersen now is communications director at the Public Affairs Council in Washington.

CORRECTIONS: Geopolitically, the "People" columnist erred in the December *Bulletin* by using the dateline "BETHLEHEM, Israel." A reader quickly pointed out that Bethlehem is on the West Bank, where Palestinians rule.

Former OPC member **Wayne Pennington** (not Patterson as written in the November *Bulletin*) was a PR colleague of OPC member **Elmer M. Borsuk**, who died last year.

IN MEMORY

Before he was elected to the U.S. Senate from California, **Alan Cranston** was a correspondent for International News Service in London, Rome and Ethiopia and proud to have been sued by Adolf Hitler. AP reported: "In 1939, after leaving the news agency, Cranston edited the first unexpurgated English translation of Adolf Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' published in the United States. Hitler successfully sued for copyright violation, and for decades, Cranston's résumé proudly included the fact that he had been sued by the German dictator." Cranston was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1968 and served four terms until retiring in 1993. He died Dec. 31 at his home in Los Altos, California, at age 86.

From Europe in the late 1930s, **Ruth Berenice Kelley** contributed several reports on European musical events to *The New York Times*. In a dispatch from the 1938 Salzburg Festival, she wrote: "Swastikas and pictures of Hitler smothered the renowned Baroque buildings, and native restaurateurs, whose cheerful 'Grüss Gott' used to lessen the blow of a large bill, now shouted morosely, 'Heil

Hitler,' as their patrons left without leaving a tip....Salzburg must be considered a thing of the past." Kelley married Thomas Martin, who conducted the New York City Opera, and in 1941 they began collaborating on translating European librettos into English. Ruth Kelley Martin, 86, died Dec. 11 in her New York City home.

Daniel Singer, 74, a longtime correspondent for *The Nation* and *The Economist*, died of cancer Dec. 2 in Paris. Born in Warsaw, Singer with his mother and sister fled from Nazi German soldiers in World War II and settled in France. When French police threatened to arrest them in 1942, the family escaped to Switzerland. In 1946, Singer started his journalism career in London as an editor for *The Economist*. From 1958-1970, he was the magazine's Paris correspondent. He then freelanced for BBC, the *International Herald Tribune* and *The Nation*. He joined *The Nation's* staff in 1981, serving as its European correspondent until his death.

About three hours after finishing a dispatch for UPI in his Tokyo home Nov. 21, OPC member **Edward A. Neilan**, 68, felt ill. His wife, **Mase Sato**, called an ambulance that took him to St. Luke's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack. Four days before his death, he presided at a Tokyo news conference and appeared to be in good health. During his 43-year career, Neilan was a Tokyo correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor*, Copley News Service's Hong Kong bureau chief, editor and publisher of *The Alexandria (Virginia) Gazette* and foreign editor of *The Washington Times*, later its correspondent in Asia. He covered the Vietnam War and the crack-down on student demonstrators in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Starting in 1993 and until his death, Neilan wrote a column on East Asian affairs that was syndicated to more than 30 newspapers in the United States, Chile, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

Of Neilan, OPC member **Arnaud De Borchgrave** commented: "Totally dedi-

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cated and indefatigable, Ed was a superb editorial leader. He was also a widely respected foreign correspondent." Neilan was foreign editor of *The Washington Times* when De Borchgrave was the newspaper's editor-in-chief. During the six months before he died, Neilan was Tokyo stringer for UPI of which De Borchgrave now is president. From Tokyo, OPC member **Patrick Killen** commented: "Ed was a fine, knowledgeable journalist and an innovative editor. He could turn a phrase with the best of them. His friendly and personable manner served him well in his professional and private life." **Diane Yukihiro Chang**, a columnist for *The Honolulu Star Bulletin* that publishes his column, wrote: "I couldn't help but mourn that Ed Neilan never got to see the place [Honolulu] he'd always dreamed of visiting. But then I realized that, while he'd never actually come here, his writings about Japan, Taiwan, China, Korea and other Far Eastern ports did hit these shores."

Neilan was a media fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University; senior fellow in the Asian Studies Center of the Heritage Foundation, a Washington think tank; visiting professor at universities in Shanghai and Taipei; former first vice president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan; and an OPC Award winner several years ago.

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Andy Logan, 80, who reported from the Nuremburg war crimes trials for *The New Yorker* and covered New York's City Hall 25 years for the magazine, died Nov. 21 in her New York City home. She had been ill with pancreatic cancer. Named Isabel Ann, she changed her name in college to Andy. She detested the nickname Izzy and chose Andy in honor of *New Yorker* essayist **E. B. White**, who was known as Andy, **James C. McKinley Jr.** wrote in *The New York Times*.



Andy Logan

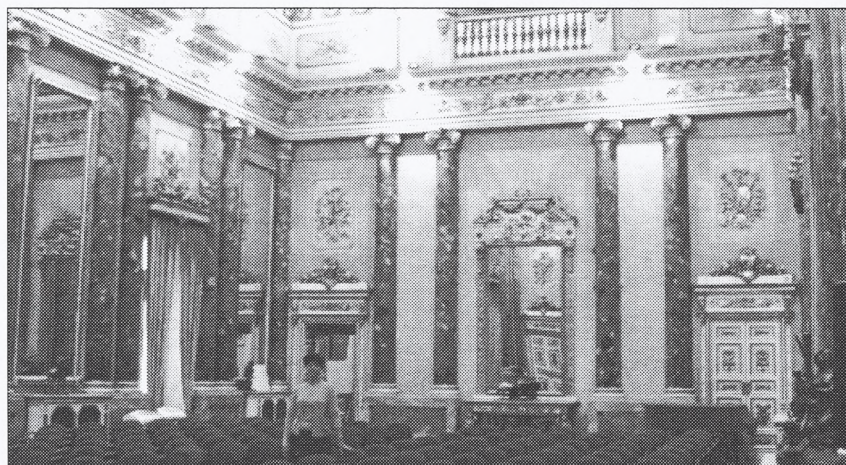
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William Blackton, 53, who retired last year as a senior editor and writer at Voice of America, died of kidney disease Nov. 13 in a hospital near his

Fairfax, Virginia, home. He specialized in Middle East coverage. Diagnosed with a kidney ailment when he was a child, Blackton had been treated by dialysis since the 1960s. His family said he was one of the nation's longest-surviving dialysis patients. Blackton was one of the founders of the American Association of Kidney Patients.

◆
Robert Greabell, 82, a *Stars & Stripes* staffer in Europe, 1960-1965, died in Syracuse, New York, last October following a heart attack. After 22 years in the U.S. Army including service in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Greabell worked for 17 years as a copy editor on the *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, retiring in 1983. He was president of the Syracuse Press Club in 1974.

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Thomas Quinn Curtiss, 85, an American journalist who had lived in Paris since 1950, died last July 17 at Poissy, France, outside Paris. A theater and film reviewer in Paris, Curtiss worked for *The New York Herald Tribune* and *The New York Times* in the 1960s before joining *The International Herald Tribune*. He dined regularly at restaurant Tour d'Argent, where he interviewed such stars as Marlene Dietrich and Paulette Goddard. Curtiss wrote a biography of film director Erich von Stroheim [1971] and "The Smart Set: George Jean Nathan and H. L. Mencken" [1998]. *The New York Times* reported his death on Nov. 30, explaining: "Publication was delayed by an editing oversight."

Sonya Fry, OPC Executive Director, visited the Circolo Della Stampa, better known as the Milan Press Club, while on a trip through northern Italy last summer. They win the most beautiful room for a press conference category by a mile.



NEW BOOKS

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the Chinese Embassy in Washington, told **David D. Kirkpatrick** of *The New York Times* that China bans production of printed material deemed to be politically sensitive, including depictions of the Dalai Lama, even in books to be exported.

EUROPE

• **William R. Stringer Jr.** and his wife, **Ann Stringer**, met when they were students at the University of Texas and married in 1940 when she graduated. During World War II, they were war correspondents in Europe, she for United Press, he for Reuters. Bill Stringer was killed in France in 1944 while attempting to become the first Allied war correspondent to enter liberated Paris. Ann Stringer, 82, describes her life in "Bravo, Amerikanski! and Other Stories from World War II" as told to **Mark Scott** [www.1stBooks.com]. She accompanied U.S. troops on their drive into Germany, was the first correspondent to enter the liberated Nordhausen concentration camp and covered the linkup of U.S. and Soviet armies at the Elbe river in April 1945.

In the book's introduction, OPC member **Walter Cronkite**, also a United Press correspondent during the war, wrote: "She was tough. She knew what she wanted, and she knew how to get it. And she was one of the best reporters I have known. And, yes, she was beautiful." OPC member **Andy Rooney**, a *WWII Stars & Stripes* reporter, commented: "Bill Stringer was replaced on the job by his wife Ann. The rest of us in the First Army press camp didn't know how to act towards her. Ann made it easy. She just picked up and did Bill's job, often with tears in her eyes."

• "In Godfather of the Kremlin: Boris Berezovsky and the Looting of Russia" [New York: Harcourt], **Paul Klebnikov**, a *Forbes* magazine senior editor, describes what he calls criminal-gang capitalism in post-Soviet Russia. His main subject is Boris Berezovsky, who has amassed a fortune in television, oil and gas exports, aluminum smelting and other industries. The author writes: "In its scale and rapaciousness, the looting of the state that took place during the Yeltsen regime was



Paul Klebnikov

unprecedented. It was perhaps the robbery of the century....Berezovsky's most destructive legacy was that he hijacked the state for his private interests." Some of the author's allegations appeared earlier in *Forbes*, and Berezovsky is suing the magazine, contending they are not true. In *The New York Times*, reviewer **Richard Bernstein** wrote: "He [Klebnikov] is a resourceful investigative reporter who uncovers important parts of the interlocking network of banks, industrial enterprises and Swiss holding companies set up by Mr. Berezovsky and others to capture large shares of Russian wealth."

• In the early 1990s after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Israeli foreign correspondent **Yoav Karny** traveled through the Caucasus, and he describes this complex region in "Highlanders: A Journey to the Caucasus in Quest of Memory" [New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux]. Of Dagestan, an autonomous republic in Russia, he writes: "It is unlike any other part of Russia, indeed few parallels could be produced anywhere. Thirty-odd nations, speaking some of the world's most exotic languages and heirs to some of the planet's oldest surviving traditions, are all bundled together in one province about half the size of Virginia." Reviewing the book in *The New York Times*, **Colin Thubron**, author of books on Siberia and Central Asia, commented: "The mountains and valleys of the Caucasus, spreading 750 miles between the Black and Caspian seas, may contain greater ethnic and linguistic diversity than any comparable region on earth....To unravel this web of small republics into a coherent narrative is a formidable challenge, and the Israeli foreign correspondent Yoav Karny has approached it head-on."

MIDDLE EAST

• "One Palestine, Complete: Jews and Arabs Under the British Mandate" [New York: Metropolitan Books/Henry Holt] describes Palestine under the British mandate, starting with the conquest of the land from the Ottoman Empire in World War I to the departure of the British following the 1947 U.N. resolution to divide the country into two states. The author, **Tom Segev**, who earned a history Ph.D. at Boston University, writes the column "Foreign Correspondent" for the Tel Aviv daily *Ha'aretz*. In a *New York Times* review, **Omer Bartov**, author of "Mirrors of Destruction: War, Genocide and Modern Identity," wrote: "Segev has written an enormously important book, per-

haps the best single account of Palestine under the British mandate. For the first time in the historiography of the region, the story of the mandate has been told from all three perspectives—the Zionist, the Arab and the British."

NORTH AMERICA

• Even foreign correspondents covered the U.S. Civil War. On March 3, 1861, **William Howard Russell** of the *London Times* left for New York aboard the steamship *Arabia*. Russell, who had covered the British charge of the Light Brigade in 1854 during the Crimean War and the rebellion of Sepoys, native troops, in northern India, 1857-1858, was sailing to America to describe the war between the States for British readers. His epitaph in London's St. Paul's Cathedral calls him "the first and greatest" war correspondent. Russell and other Civil War scribes from Europe and the divided States are remembered in "A Bohemian Brigade: The Civil War Correspondents—Mostly Rough, Sometimes Ready" [New York: John Wiley]. Other foreign correspondents who covered the Civil War (they called their group the "Jolly Congress") are profiled in the book. They include **Francis Charles Lawley**, **Frank Vizetelly** and **James Arthur Lyon Freemantle** from England; **Heros von Borcke** and **Justus Scheibert** from Prussia; **FitzGerard Ross** from Austria; and **Garnet Joseph Wolseley** from Canada.

Civil War newsmen called their informal press club the Bohemian Brigade. Author **James M. Perry**, a newspaper reporter more than 40 years, the last 20 with *The Wall Street Journal*, links those 19th Century reporters to current challenges in journalism when he writes:

"They were rowdy and boisterous. They competed hard to be the first with the news, and got it wrong more often than they should have. They were frequently arrogant and pompous. They lied; they cheated; they spied on one another and on the generals they wrote about. They made up battles they had never seen. They speculated in cotton. They drank too much.

"They did a lot of things reporters are still doing today.

"We are now bombarded by wild tales from web sites on the Internet, so juicy they are picked up by cheap and irresponsible newspapers, magazines, and radio and television talk shows. Mainstream journalists wring their hands and wonder what they should say. Too often, they go along, printing the 'news' with a caveat or two."

New Books

GLOBAL

• *The New York Times* posted **Christopher S. Wren** to Moscow, Cairo, Beijing, Ottawa and Johannesburg. During those 17 years, he was accompanied by his family and their part-Siamese cat, Henrietta. Wren describes their adventures in "The Cat Who Covered the World: The Adventures of Henrietta and Her Foreign Correspondent" [New York: Simon & Schuster]. At Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport, icy custom inspectors suddenly become friendly when they spot Henrietta. On Moscow streets, Henrietta trots past KGB guards who keep constant watch on foreign journalists. At a dinner in the Wrens' apartment, guests applaud when Henrietta drops a freshly-killed mouse at the feet of the Pakistani ambassador. Missing more than a month in Cairo, Henrietta is found, weak, scrawny and scarred after surviving rats and dogs that prowl the streets. When the Wrens headed for Beijing, daughter **Celia**, then 13, wrote a poem:

*Whenever the Wrens travel
They always travel light,
Twenty suitcases or so
On every single flight.
To top it off, a Siamese cat
Who wants to have her say,
And that's the sort of commonplace
thing*

The Wrens do every day.

Henrietta died in South Africa at age 18.

The Wren's cat was not the only pet to travel the world with a correspondent's family. In "Charlie's World: The improb-

able adventures of a Hong Kong cockatoo and his American family" [New York: Earth Times Books], **Audrey Topping** describes the antics of a parrot-like bird that lived with her husband, OPC board member **Seymour Topping**, and their five daughters while he filed for *The New York Times* from Hong Kong, Bonn and New York (September 2000 *Bulletin*).

ASIA

• "Dragon Fire" by **Humphrey Hawksley**, a BBC correspondent in Hong Kong, is described on its dust jacket as "The Realistic and Gripping Novel of the Next War." The author traveled to Islamabad, Rawalpindi, New Delhi, Dharamsala and Washington to research his fictional account of a nuclear war between India and Pakistan. Speaking to the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC), Hawksley said: "'Dragon Fire' actually wasn't my idea, I have to admit it. It was two-three years ago, I did a book called 'Dragon Strike' with the distinguished former FCC president **Simon Holberton** [of *The Financial Times*] which sold one or two copies...." The publisher, **Michael William Armstrong** of Macmillan called and said, "I want you to do a book about war between India and Pakistan....Have to be a nuclear war, of course...and one other thing, we have to use Dragon in the title." Hawksley quoted an *India Express* comment on his book: "We did not go nuclear to be treated like some third world banana republic by dimwit journalists turned to fiction writers." Hawksley's first novel, "Dragon Strike" [New York: St. Martin's] depicts a military conflict in 2005 between China and a U.S.-led coalition in the oil-rich

South China Sea (March 2000 *Bulletin*).

• In December, *The New York Times Book Review* listed "Mao: A Life" by **Philip Short** [New York: John Macrae/Holt] among the notable books it has reviewed since December 1999. Commenting on the Chairman Mao Tse-tung biography, *The Times* wrote: "Written by an English foreign correspondent, this exhaustively researched biography combines the best of journalism and scholarship to portray the revolutionary who created modern China."

• Here is a book that China tried to cut back on its distribution in the United States. Last summer, 17,000 copies of "The Clinton Years," [New York: Callaway Editions] by former White House photographer **Robert McNelly** were being prepared for shipment to the United States after they were printed in Hong Kong and bound in Schenzen in southern China. A smaller shipment, 8,000 copies, had already been sent to the United States, but China took another look and blocked the big shipment. Publisher **Nicholas Callaway** and the printer said the Clinton books were seized because among its 227 photos was a picture of President Clinton clasping hands and chatting with the Dalai Lama during a White House meeting. Finally, after protests, Chinese officials agreed to let the books out of the country. But Chinese customs then blocked the printing of two other Callaway books, one dealing with Tibetan Buddhist art and the other a fashion book that included some nude pictures. Because of lower production costs, about 500 books are manufactured annually in China for U.S. publishers. **Zhang Yuanyuan**, a spokesman for

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